**Development of renewable energy**

†449. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to open the outlets of renewable energy in the 500 districts across the country for ensuring participation of common people in the development of renewable energy;

(b) if so, by when this scheme would be implemented; and

(c) the State-wise details of the 500 districts which have been identified for this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources was earlier implementing a scheme under which 104 Aditya Solar Shops have been set up in 28 States/UTs.

The Ministry has introduced a new scheme to support the creation of network of retail outlets in the form of Akshay Urja Shops for sale and service of solar energy and other renewable energy products. The shops can be established by reputed NGOs, State Nodal Agencies, manufacturers' associations and private entrepreneurs.

It is proposed to establish Akshay Urja Shops in all the districts of the country. Initially it is planned to support the setting up of 200 shops next year in those districts where Aditya Solar Shops have not been set up under the earlier scheme.

**Incentives to the producers of solar energy**

450. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 841 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 2005 and state:

(a) what are the reasons that the Ministry has not updated the solar radiation data since 1982;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.